

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1403

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 23  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE VARIOUS STATE AND COMMUNITY  
ENTITIES TO DETERMINE WHICH AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD  
ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW- AND  
MODERATE-INCOME INDIVIDUALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to convene a working group of  
government agencies and community organizations to develop a plan  
to determine which government agency or community organization  
should administer funding for civil legal services to low-income  
and moderate-income individuals and the levels of funding for  
civil legal services.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
Office of Community Services; the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii; and  
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in previous years, funding for  
civil legal services has been provided in the form of grants-in-  
aid to nonprofit organizations or in the form of appropriations to  
state agencies, including the Office of Community Services, to



fund purchase-of-services contracts with nonprofit organizations. Furthermore, your Committee is concerned that available funding for civil legal services that are derived from court fees has dropped significantly in recent years. Accordingly, your Committee believes that the efforts of the working group created by this measure will help to ensure adequate funding to continue the provision of civil legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 23 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">M. N. M.</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div><b>Distribution:</b></div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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